By VIRGINIA TEMPLE.

The gates of the Mystic Flower Garden closed promptly at 3 v'clock yesterday afternoon. There could have terday afternoon. There could have been but few contestants on the outside when the keeper of the Mystic Flowers locked the portal, that is if I may judge from the unprecedented number of solutions submitted this week. From week to week the number of those entering the contests has increased, but no week has brought so many new names to my desk as this. I have met hundreds of 'ittle men and have met hundreds of 'ittle men and little women as well as their mothers through the puzzle.

Many mothers have written me that they began the week with only the in-tention of helping their children to a correct solution, but in the end became themselves so enthused that they could not resist the temptation of sending in

I have noted that these late name are new ones. I am glad to welcome them to the woman's page. I shall expect to see them among the early solutions in the new pazzie which will be anneanced in next Sunday's edition of The Times. The Times.

Rush of Late Answers.

The last day of the Mystic Garden contest was characterized by the usual rush of late solutions. There were hundreds of them, from my little girls, my big girls, my old girls, and my young girls, and with them carae just the nicest letters in the world. Somenow the woman's page has become one now the woman's page has become one great big family, or so it seems to me. There is so much kindness and interest manifested toward each member of the "family," and displayed by the mother who are interested in the mother's corr er, as well as by those who enter the prize contests.

As is usually the case on Friday contesiants yesterday expressed anxiety for the new puzzle.

Many asked for mystic trees. Many

more for mystic birds, some still for nether mystic flower garden, and others for mystic gems, mystic cakes, subjects escaped the attention of those interested in the puzzles. Perhaps you will get every subject you have asked for after all. My only regret is that I cannot gratify every wish at one time. annot gratity every wish at one time, Clever Solution.

Among the late but clever solutions which reached me on Friday, the following is a sample:

1—The name of a new play and a hard substance—Anise (Ann ice). 2—The pride of New England—Boston

Ivy,
3-An American writer-Hawthorn.
4-Winter's accompaniment and a great
National sport-Snowball.
5-Love's old, sweet message-Helio-

6-Household utensils and a consonant crown of victory-Crown of

Thorns.

8-An abbreviation of a boy's name, a preposition, and a form of the verb "to be."-Clematis.

2 An inhabitant of the wilds and 9—An inhabitant of the wilds and something suggestive of grace—Tiger

0-An emblem of peace-Sweet Peas

(peace).

II—The early bird and part of an equestrian's outfit—Larkspur,

12—A maiden shy and blushing—Sweet 3-The most popular parasite-Honey-

13—The most popular parasite—Honeysuckle.
14—The flower that sprang from a
youth's blood—Bleeding Heart.
15—A Gypsy's favorite reading—Palms.
16—Sweet sixteen, a woman's glory,
an evergreen—Maidenhair Fern.
17—An insect—Bluebottle.
18—in all our grandmother's gardens—
Marigolds.
19—An animal covered with fur and
an article of apparel—Fox Glove.
20—One of fashion's prevailing shades
—Wistaria.

The suburbanite's delight and two

-A dashing brunette-Blac

san.

23-A small body of water and a girl's name—Pond Lily.

24-From an old manse—Mosses.

25-A wise man and a legal necessity—Solomon's Seal.

26-To crack (or break) and a monster—Snapdragon.

Snapdragon. 27—A State and a young child—Vir-

28—A domestic animal and a forest of wealth—Dogwood.

MRS. L. V. STENZEL, 414 South Capitol street.

RECIPE TO MAKE PICNIC LOBSTERS

This dish is always appreciated at pic nics, and makes a nice change for Su

Required: One lobster, half a pint of mayonnaise sauce, six ounces of rice, a at distances of ten feet, in the same

Wash the rice. Boil it in plenty of fast boiling, salted water until it is just tender, then pour it into a compde wash it well under the cold water tap, then dry it carefully, either spread on a plate in a cool oven or on the hot

Supposing it is for supper, it is ugite easy to arrange it prettily, with the lebster in the center, the rice round as a border, and the beetroot as a garnish. In any case, remove all meat from the lobster, and cut it into large dice. Then if it is for a picnic wrap it up in a piece of waxed paper, which can be bought at any stationer's—this will prevent it from drying. Then put it in a tin or jar. Press the rice into another jar, and tle a piece of paper over the top. Peel and slice the beet and fold that also in waxed paper. Put the sauce into a bottle with a tightly-fitting cork.

These jars, etc., can be safely packed into the hamper. When required, divide the lobster into portions, arrange them in neat heaps on "woodpulp" plates, arrange a thick border of rice round, garnish with the beet, and serve the sauce with it.

LOCAL MENTION.

Make a strong sirup, two pounds of sugar to a pint of water. Pierce goose-berries in several places, and put them in the sirup, then take them from the range and let the gooseberries remain in the sirup all night. Repeat twice, reheat, stopping just short of boiling point, again letting berries stand over night in sirup.

While still cold place them in bottles and pour the sirup over them; place bottles in water. Should the berries seem to be cracking before the water boils remove the bottles at once and seal; otherwise let stand until water is at boiling point. lobster, and cut it into large dice. Then

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Regina Lemon Cling Peaches, 12 1-20; Paragon Plums, 10c; Pears in sirup, 7c; Pineapple, 7½c; Strawberries, 7½c. J. T. D. Pyles' 13 stores.

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A CHARMING LITTLE FROCK



Cost of This Frock In Three Materials

3% yards of Dress Gingham 27 inches wide, 12½c yd....\$0.43 1/2 yards of Embroidery, for belt, 121/2c yard... 11/2 yards of Embroidery Edgings, for finishing neck and DOTTED SWISS.

3% yards of White Dotted Swiss, 27 inches wide, 39c yd., \$1.32 5 yards of German Val Lace Inserting for two rows in

11/2 yards of Lace Edging, for neck and sleeves ..

skirt, 15c vard.

BATISTE. 21/2 yards of Batiste, 40 inches wide, 19c yard yards of Lace, for two rows in skirt, 121/2c yard .. 11/2 yards of Lace Edging, for neck and sleeves, 121/2c yd. .19

Daily Fashion Talk.

Here is a frock that is so simple that the veriest amateur will find it easy to make. The little straight skirt is simply hemmed and tucked at its lower edge and gathered at the upper, the long-waisted blouse is tucked to form a yoke and the two are joined by a belt. There are pretty puffed sleeves that are gathered into bands and which are charming for warm summer days and the neck is finished with just a little frill of the material. Altogether the frock is as pretty and as dainty as could be asked. This one is made of white lawn but the pretty Dresden dimitles are much liked for children's dresses this summer and are always dainty, fancy muslins are many and are lovely, and for real hard wear, chambray and gingham are charming made after the same model. Should the short sleeves not be liked, long plain ones can be substituted and the collar can be used as a neck finish.

For the four-year size will be required 3% yards of material 24, 2% yards 32 or 24 vards 44 inches wide. May Manton pattern, No. 6364. Can be obtained at Goldenberg's.

Great Danger in Mothers Leaving Babies of Family Under Dominant Eye of One of the Older Children

By VIRGINIA TEMPLE.

The subject is revived in my mind from a little incident of yesterday. I was waiting for a trolley in front of one of our better class home. That the home was one of the "better class," and home was one of the poor, squalid sort, explains the reason why authority was given to the older child.

We have three classes of homes here; the richer sort, where, of course, childern are always under the close care of nurses or governesses; the so-called "better class," where the little ones look out for one another in the absence of the mother, and the very poor, where house and playground are symmeager that the children cannot wan
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Depends On

The Older Child.

That "better class" home is where we mostly find authority over the younger invested in the older child. All my life I have had misgivings as to the justice of the guardianship! Still, the question into the disposition of that older child. In the case of yesterday: A little boy of three came running out to the sidewalk with a croquet mallet and ball. He played with the ball a minute, and then it occurred to him that the mallet would "make lots of noise" if he pounded the hitching post with it. He really did not strike it as hard as he could, certainly not hard enough to break the millet. Hearing the sound, his older brother came and commanded him to "stop that!" No suggestion that the mallet be broken,

Rattlesnake Melons Ripe Now and on Market

The rattlesnake watermelon is mak ng good this season-so much so that he Eden and Kolb Gem varieties have been forced into the background.

The rattlesnake is the longest melon that reaches the market and is conspicuous for the pale, ragged-edge stripes that encircle it. It is distinctly he South Carolina melon, and is likewise the melon that catches the eye of he colored population.

This year, the rattlesnake, both in uantity and quality, is making a new ecord. Stacks of from 50 to 100 of them nay be seen any day in front of the ommission fruit and vegetable houses When the sun shifts its position the elons are moved into a shady place he employes of the commission houses passing them rapidly through the air

in the sirup all night. Repeat twice, reheat, stopping just short of boiling point, again letting berries stand over

CUTAWAY COATS.

Cutaway and open coats accompany the large number of linen frocks and are seen in every hue. They also form, almost without exception, a part of the pongees, serges, and other homespun

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AFTERNOON WRAPS FOR OLDER WOMEN

Often we hear the older woman ask. What shall I get for an afternoon wrap? Pongee is not dignified. I can ot wear the masculine ulster, nor are he chiffon things becoming. What

shall I do?" To this question one would first nswer, "Lace;" but to the next question "Renaissance" would be very in-adequate. What kind of lace is dignified, handsome, yet not reminiscent of parlor curtains?

Black Spanish lace, of course. Wonlerful wraps are made of this beautiful fabric. Sometimes it is woven into the proper shape for a three-quarter coat and again it is a scarf arranged

One of the lovellest wraps of the kind was a black crepe de chine, collarless assing them rapady and distances of ten feet, in the same manner that bricks are unloaded from a wagon. Occasionally a melon drops, and when this is the case there is an immediate scramble for it. This accounts for the watermelon rinds that may be seen any day in the vicinity of the market houses.

Accidents will happen, but there are a lot of these kind.

TO MAKE PRESERVES

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TO SAVE BABY'S FOOT.

When baby's foot is caught ir a hole, unlace or unbutton the shoe and it is easy to pull the foot out of the shoe.

The lesson of this dainty romance is this: To the oldest son—when The Girl ills your heart and your dreams, invite her home to tea some evening, which he is sure to do, and then fail's well—you can almost eatch the front, just below the line of the bust. The ends were spread and tacked, and the lace was also tacked to a foundation at the back, on the shoulders and around the neck, but not too stiffly. Could a prettier coat be desired?

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DUTCH BACKS POPULAR. Dutch backs are in evidence among the blouses, just as they are among the

Edmonston's \$7.50 Comfort Shoes,

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Let Father Take Look At Your Girl First

One day the boy told his mother that e would bring The Girl to tea the nex vening. From that moment the hous vas alive with interest, and every one poked forward to the moment rollicking anticipations. The father him-

self was really excited about it. Finally, the moment and The Girl came. When the door opened and the rosy sweetness of The Girl burst into the hallway, the wondering curiosity of the family changed to a mass of smiles The mother welcomed her with an em brace, and the father came near doing so, too, while the younger brother of fered her three rocking chairs at once The Girl captured the household by he raceful and winning ways; but the se remest effect was upon the old mar

ARRANGEMENT OF HAIR. In order to look well it is necessary

hat the arangement of the hair should armouse with the style of the gown.



Wash Suits Reduced \$10 and \$12 Linen Coat \$9.00 \$10 and \$11 Dainty Col-\$7.00



Answers to Inquiries From Readers of The Times

Hanenicker-Pare, remove the seeds and cut into pieces six sweet and two acid oranges, mix with this a cupful each of diced celery and nut meats; serve on crisp leaves of head lettuce with a rich cream mayonnaise or sweet salad dressing.

Enlarged Pores.

Tan and Freckles.

Wash off in warm water, then rub on a little skin nourisher. This will also aid in clearing your skin of blackheads. Prepare lotion by shaking equal parts of white of egg and iemen juice to a froth and adding a tablespoonful of borax.

Beechwood creosote, 10 drops: glycerine, 3 ounces, rose water, 3 ounces. Use this night and morning, mopping over the skin find wherever the attacks of the itching come.

Novel Menu Cards.

Wassail.
Mrs. T. L.-Core and roast six apples. Miss M. E.—One of the simplest and best cures for enlarged pores is to use a scrubbing brush and pure soap. With this treatment the pores are freed from the clogged secretions and gradually become normal.

Wassail.

Mrs. T. L.—Core and roast six apples. Mix a pint of ale with one-half pound of brown sugar, and put in one-half ounce each of ginger, nutmeg, and cinnamon. Heat it, stirring constantly, she gave an engagement luncheon to be sugar, and put in one-half ounce each of ginger, nutmeg, and cinnamon. Heat it, stirring constantly, she gave an engagement luncheon to namon. Heat it, stirring constantly, but do not let it come to a boil. Add two more pints of ale and one-half pint of Malaga and a little lemon peel. Put the roasted apples in last, and serve hot with an apple in each glass.

She gave an engagement luncheon to a friend and had as guests only intimate acquaintances whose photographs the roasted apples in last, and serve hot with an apple in each glass.

Young Hostess-The idea of using

Tan and Freckles.

Miss B. E.—The lotion of lemon juice.

egg, and borax is very good for removing tan and freckles, but must be used only two or three times a week, not leaving it on longer than five or ten minutes each time. It is a powerful astringent, and when left on too long or used too often will cause the skin to be frightfully puckered. Cleanse your face with cream, put lotion on, spatting it in with your finger tips a minute or two, let it remain, as I sug-



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A very fine, dainty material, shown in a generous variety of patterns, white and dark grounds; white grounds with figures, polka dots, and foral designs; navy blue, and black grounds with small, medium, and large polka dots. An opportune purchase enables us to offer them at

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Lot 2: Two Thousand Yards Printed Batiste Lawns

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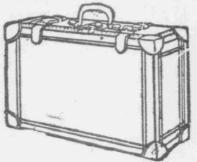
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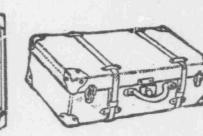
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Sizes: 30-in. 32-in. 34-in.

thoroughly riveted; malleable iron trimmings with interlocking corners, two trays; Excelsior lock; four hinges. Sizes: 36-in. Regular prices, \$11.50 \$12.00 \$12.50

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